# Elements of Literature

**(Fiction & Non-Fiction)**

## List of Terms

1. **antagonist**- force working against the protagonist
2. **characterization**- creation and development of characters-direct or indirect -
3. **climax**- high point of interest in the story, turning point, crisis
4. **conflict**- struggle between two opposing forces: man verses man, or nature, machine or technology, or fate, or society(external). or himself (internal)
5. **exposition**- the beginning of a story that explains the characters, setting, and conflict- or introduction
6. **external conflict**- man verses man, nature, society, machine, fate
7. **falling action**- all of the action that follows the climax
8. **flashback**-returning to an earlier time in the story for the purpose of making something in the present more clear
9. **foreshadowing**- a warning that something is about to happen
10. **hyperbole**- gross exaggeration for affect
11. **imagery**- words and phrases that appeal to the reader’s senses--- using as many of the senses as possible to paint a verbal picture
12. **irony-** contrast between what is expected and what happened
13. **point of view**-the relationship of the storyteller to the story-- the vantage point-
14. **plot**- the sequence of events in the story- exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution
15. **protagonist**- the central figure
16. **resolution**-the outcome of the conflict
17. **rising action**-the events that lead to the climax
18. **setting**- time and place at which the events of the story happen
19. **symbols**- something stands for something else
20. **tone**- the attitude an author has about the subject of the story-serious, humorous
21. **theme**- the message the author is sending